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Registration for sewage sludge haulers/transporters moves to DEQ

BATON ROUGE – On July 1, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality took over the registration of sewage sludge haulers and transporters in Louisiana from the Department of Health and Hospitals.

All transporters of sewage sludge and/or grease mixed with sewage sludge must register with DEQ by July 1 in order to continue hauling. Those haulers that have not registered and received approval or conditional approval are not authorized to haul. Approval is contingent upon DEQ receiving a completed application and completing vehicle inspection. The DEQ regional offices are inspecting all vehicles to be sure they don't leak and that solid waste has a cover. Transporters of sewage sludge shall transport only to a facility permitted to receive sewage sludge. An emergency rule issued by DEQ provides for conditional approval of transporters who transport to facilities that submit a completed permit application to DEQ by Oct. 28, 2009.

So far, 93 applications have been approved and more than 133 have been submitted. Haulers that have not submitted their application by July 1 are not authorized to haul.

Sewage sludge haulers can get an application on line at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx> or they can call Kilren Vidrine at 225-219-3012 or Yvonne Baker at 225-219-3073. Applications must be mailed to DEQ, P O Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313 or brought to DEQ at 602 N. 5th Street, Baton Rouge.

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